



Verein der Eltern und Freunde
Berlin

John-F.-Kennedy-Schule Teltower Damm 87-93 • 14167

der John-F.-Kennedy-Schule zu Berlin e.V.

Society of Parents and Friends

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Minutes of the Verein meeting, Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Meeting starts at 19:05 hrs. on Zoom

Board present: Theresa Helou, John Mask, Buck Chisolm, Lia Rigamonti, Vinh Pham-Beinhold, Jacqui Bespolka, Karrie Riemer, Eva El-Alfy, Lynn Brinda (joined later)

Board excused: Vanessa Hansen, Katrin Drakulic,

Also present: David Krupski, Melissa Cattarius, Kasia Kedizora, Nelly Heidbrink, Jennifer Pedussel, Noel Yambah Yambaha, Stefanie Weisner

1. Approval of Agenda

unanimously

2. Approval of Minutes of the last meeting

unanimously

3. Note from David Krupski

The HS is in need of more notebooks. They will ask the Verein for help with getting notebooks for students - these should be especially helpful should the school have to move to hybrid or distance learning.

And the HS also needs 10-15 notebooks for staff to use. The tech department will let us know the actual numbers.

The Verein had the idea to support the IT department with a Minijob for the tech department. There is already one financed by the trust fund, but the tech department would be very interested in having even more support. This would be a Minijob for 450 Euros/month. This support would probably be for both, HS and ES.

There are already 2 carts with 30 chrome books on each cart in the HS. They are at the library and can be checked out from there. Now the HS would like to ask for one additional cart with chrome books.

The school had got money for the Digitalpakt from the Senat and the administration is willing to share with the Verein on what it will be spent. Among other things we will get 9 smart boards, and these will be distributed in the HS, probably in the blue building

He says a big thank you for the coffee and donuts for the staff, which were distributed before the fall break. It was greatly appreciated

4. Report from Exco - Eva El-Alfy



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The Verein is continuously trying to support the school concerning technological equipment. We recently got a request from the ES for chrome books and are now working on the details.

During the last month the Verein did the following to support the school and it's community:

Organized and sponsored Halloween candy for all ES classes

Organized and sponsored coffee and baked goods for teachers before the fall break

Financial support to BERMUN guest speaker

Mini job HS counselor

8th grade ski trip annual support

3rd grade science kits

Purchased masks for the secretaries and approved the purchase of more such masks for high-risk teachers

Due to a lack of fundraising opportunities because of Covid, the Verein has approved to support the following requests:

Grants to the ES and HS libraries

Admin support ES and HS offices

Grants to all official JFKS clubs

Grants to the HS departments

Class money for the ES

And again, like in April, we bought disinfectant for the school

The following online votes to approve funding took place in-between meetings:

Change of dates of the Verein meetings for the rest of the year, Halloween candy for ES, hand sanitizer

5. Report from Treasurer – Buck Chisolm

a) Account balances as of 11 November 2020:

Sparkasse:	€111,714.64
PayPal:	€ 3,043.47
Totals:	€114,759.11
Total authorized expenses:	€12,071.44
Projected balance after planned outlays:	€102,686.67

b) Uncollected dues 2020-2021 approximately €19,835.00.

c) Report on membership: Currently membership 751.

6. Requests

a) Maintenance and repair of the bikes for the Verkehrsschule



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An offer from Travis to do an inspection and small repairs on all the 12 bikes for 175 Euro. To take into account possible extra time for the installment of the new weeks, asking for the approval of 200 Euro

*up to 200 Euro
yes (unanimously)*

b) Purchase of 5 new wheels for the 5 damaged bikes of the Verkehrsschule, approx. 27-30 Euro per wheel

*up to 150 Euro
yes (unanimously)*

c) Request from Beate Neumann for reimbursement of a plexiglas screen (Spuckschutz), which she purchased for the parent teacher conference

*103,08 Euro
yes (unanimously)*

d) Holliday teacher gifts from the shop to be made an annual initiative (Melissa Cattarius)

This is the third year we do this, in 2018 we gave a t-shirt, last year a cloth bag. The teachers loved it and felt very appreciated. We should vote on making this an annual thing. It should be clear that this is from the Verein, not from the school shop. The Shop will come up with the idea and order it. In the past it cost around 1400-1500. We could put a limit of max. 2000 per year.

The shop is very much in the red this year, because the shop has been closed for long stretches of this year. We would like to give the remainder of the 60th anniversary mugs and cloth bags, and if we run out maybe give a mask

*up to 2.000 Euro (annually)
yes (unanimously)*

7. Miscellaneous

Report on the yearbook initiative (Jennifer Pédussel Wu)

Delia Simons is coordinating the yearbook from the teachers' side. It will be a yearbook for grades 7-12 should be the yearbook, and additionally there will be a traditional 12th grade yearbook with a page for each of the 12th graders, coordinated by Destiny and Alaina Mack.

Mr. Robertson will help the 11th grade and Ms. Gillert will help the 7/8 grade. They have volunteered to help coordinate the students. Frau Simons will help the 9/10



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grade. This plan has now been approved by the administration and it is moving forward. The plan is that the Verein helps by financing the print beforehand and then the yearbooks will be sold at cost.

As a side note, one of the JFKS parents is a photographer and has given a good offer to do senior portraits. Maybe this could be supported by the Verein (she would give a donation to the Verein and then we would give this back). She plans to offer a portrait package. This parent's kids are still small, so she will be at the school for a while which could make this an on-going possibility. The Verein should reflect on how to use portrait possibilities for fund-raising.

Meeting adjourned: 20:33